



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Linda Pounds-Adams, Acting Chief Information Officer

DATE: October 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Ratification – Enterprise Internet Access

At the October 16th Council meeting, there will be an item for Council consideration to ratify and approve an agreement with the University of Texas for Internet services. The City of Austin's Communications and Technology Management Office (CTM) has been subscribing to Internet services provided by the University of Texas since 1998. It recently came to my attention that CTM should have entered into an Interlocal Agreement for these services. Previously, payments for the services were treated similar to payments for telephone services, which do not require Council approval. Prior expenditures total \$523,151 for the years 1998 through 2008.

Currently, the Internet services provided by the University of Texas consist of 150Mbps of bandwidth at a cost of \$133,092 for FY 2008-2009. This bandwidth is necessary to support Internet requirements including those from APD, AFD, CTECC, Libraries and other departments that may require fast connection and broad bandwidth.

CTM is bringing this item forward for consideration to ratify this Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$523,151, approve the execution of the agreement in the amount of \$133,092 from the CTM 2008-2009 operating budget for a grand total of \$656,243.00 and approve use of the Interlocal for future Internet access service. Future funding will be contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Cc Leslie Browder, Chief Financial Officer
Mark Ott, City Manager